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1. ON DECEMBER 24 MR. AND MRS. PRESTON STALLINGER OF DALY CITY, CALIFORNIA TELEPHONED CONSUL FROM CULIACAN TO REPORT THAT THEY HAD BEEN ASSAULTED ON THE INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY, 25 MILES SOUTH OF CULIACAN AT TEN P.M., DECEMBER 23.

2. ACCORDING TO STALLINGER, WHILE ENROUTE TO MAZATLAN, HE BECAME DROWSY AND STOPPED HIS 1973 AMC AMBASSADOR STATION WAGON WITH TRAILER HOOK-UP BESIDE THE ROAD TO REST BEFORE CONTINUING HIS TRIP. SHORTLY, AFTER STOPPING, THERE WAS A KNOCK AT THE TRAILER DOOR AND FOUR MEN APPEARED, ONE WEARING A POLICEMAN'S CAP. THEY REQUESTED ENTRY INTO THE TRAILER TO MAKE DRUG INSPECTION. STALLINGER ASKED THEN TO WAIT A MOMENT, BUT THEY IGNORED HIS REQUEST AND FORCED DOOR OPEN. CURSING AND PISTOL WHIPPING HIM, THEY MADE SYSTEMATIC PICK-UP OF ALL VALUABLES AND DEPARTED, LEAVING HIM WITH VEHICLE AND TRAILER.

3. CONSUL'S CULIACAN CONTACT AIDED STALLINGERS IN OBTAINING POLICE REPORT AND SAFE LODGING WHILE IN CULIACAN. ALTHOUGH STALLINGERS HAD PLANNED SEVERAL WEEKS TOUR MEXICO, NOW RETURNING HOME WITH GREAT TREPIDATION.

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